

Remarks

Claims 1-33, 36 and 38-41 are pending in the application. Restriction has been required to a single invention, as outlined in the office action.

Applicants elect the claims of Group IV, constituting claims 28-30.

An election of species is understood to be required if Group I or VI is elected. Since neither Group I or VI is elected, no election of species is required.

Applicants reserve the right to seek rejoinder, as appropriate, of any non-elected claim pursuant to MPEP 821.04.

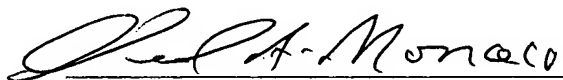
Acknowledgement of Telephonic Interviews of Dec. 30, 2008 and Feb. 19, 2009

In a telephonic interview on December 30, 2008, applicants' attorney requested that Examiner identify the species of Group I from which the required election of species would be made upon election of the invention of Group I. Examiner indicated that the species for election comprised the species set forth in claim 2.

In a telephonic interview on February 19, 2009, December 30, 2008, applicants' attorney requested confirmation that the March 18, 2008 office action and applicants' prior election of Group I were deemed withdrawn in view of the office action of January 8, 2009, restating requirements for election of invention and election of species. Examiner acknowledged applicants' understanding as correct.

Respectfully submitted,

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